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1. Construction of the Skoda Works plant in Unioov (P50/W77), which was begun in 1948, is still in progress. Two halls have been constructed to the present time; both are of steel frame construction with "Heraclit" walls, (1) and flat roofs with glass skylights. Hall No. 1 is about 200 m by 60 m in size, while Hall No. 2 is about 500 m by 500 m. Construction of a third hall and of a boiler house has been started. This work is being done by the Sumperk branch of the Czechoslovak Building Association. (2)
2. This plant is now a basic plant of the Skoda Works. It employs about 550 workers, including about 150 office employees. (3) Morale of the workers is very low because of the imposition of increased production norms. The plant is surrounded on three sides by a wooden fence and on the fourth side by a wall 2 1/2 m high. The plant militia consists of 30 men and the plant guard of 12 men. There is a fire brigade of about 25 men. No anti-air raid precautions have been taken. The Plant Manager is Ing. Tomsik; the Technical Manager is Ing. Krasny, a fanatical Communist.
3. Hall No. 1, which has been in production since June 1950, manufactures frames for traveling cranes of between 10 and 25 tons capacity and dredging machines at a rate of about three machines per month. (4) The cranes and dredges are sent to the Skoda Works in Pilsen for completion. Early in 1951 construction of a large dredge of type K-1000 was started. It was scheduled to be completed in about two years and exported to the USSR. Equipment of this hall includes:

- 2 large traveling cranes, one of 10 tons and one of 20 tons capacity
- 4 small traveling cranes of 2 tons capacity
- 6 vertical drill presses
- 1 horizontal drill press
- 3 planers
- 15 grinders
- 50 electric welding machines
- 2 lathes
- tool shop, joiner's shop, forge, repair shop, and electricians' shop

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4. Hall No. 2 is at present being equipped. Sixteen traveling cranes have already been installed. It is believed that this hall will produce complete cranes and dredges. Sheet steel and structural steel is delivered from the Skoda Works in Pilsen. Electric power is received from power plants in Sternberk.

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- 25X1A (1) Comment: Heraclit is the trade-name of a construction material made of wood shavings pressed into concrete and formed into boards for siding.

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- 25X1A (2) Comment: It was reported in [REDACTED] that the construction was being done by the Prostějov branch of the Czechoslovak Building Association.

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- (3) Comment: According to [REDACTED], about 1,500 workers were employed in Hall No. 1 alone in May 1950.

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- 25X1A (4) Comment: [REDACTED] report that Hall No. 1 produces caterpillar tractors powered by Diesel engines.

Attachment: Sketch of the Skoda Works plant in Unicev.

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